

Docket No.: 50212-181

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hiroshi KOHDA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/763,803

Filed: February 27, 2001

For: OPTICAL SWITCH, OPTICAL-FIBER-ARRAYING-MEMBER, PRODUCTION
METHOD THEREOF, AND ARRAYING METHOD OF OPTICAL FIBERS

Group Art Unit: 2874

Examiner: D.E. Valencia

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

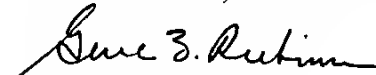
Noting the Office Action of June 14, 2002 wherein restriction has been required, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group III for prosecution in the above-identified application. The Office Action notes that the claims of Groups I and II will also be examined. Thus the claims presented for examination with this Response are claims 1 through 29, 31 and 37 through 41.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this

paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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